

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

_____ Date April 11, 2019
Chair of Committee

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-204 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 12, strike "AND".
- 2 Page 3, after line 12 insert:
3 "(c) PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN COLORADO HAVE
4 ALSO BEGUN EXPERIMENTING WITH ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF COLLEGE
5 AND CAREER READINESS; AND".
- 6 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
- 7 Page 3, line 26, strike "REDUCE" and substitute "ELIMINATE".
- 8 Page 4, line 7, strike "VALIDITY AND".
- 9 Page 4, line 8, strike "CREDIBILITY OF THE".
- 10 Page 4, line 9, strike "CREATION" and substitute "DEVELOPMENT".
- 11 Page 4, line 10, strike "SYSTEMS." and substitute "SYSTEMS THAT MAY
12 INFORM THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM."
- 14 Page 4, strike lines 14 through 18 and substitute "PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF
15 HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ENTITY, THAT WORKS WITH
16 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATION POLICY
17 INITIATIVES AND THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS IN PROVIDING

- 1 SUPPORT TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE
2 SUPPORT THE INSTITUTION OR ENTITY PROVIDES IN THE PARTNERSHIP,
3 WHICH MAY INCLUDE SUPPORT".
- 4 Page 4, line 19, strike "EXPERIENCE".
- 5 Page 5, line 15, after the period insert "A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL MAY
6 CHOOSE, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED, TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE AUTHORIZING
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION."
- 8 Page 5, line 21, after "REFLECT" insert "CHANGES IN" and strike
9 "DISPOSITIONS" and substitute "MINDSETS."
- 10 Page 5, line 22, strike "TOWARD LEARNING."
- 11 Page 7, after line 6 insert:
12 "(c) IF A GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IS SUBMITTING
13 THE APPLICATION, IDENTIFICATION OF EACH OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION
14 PROVIDERS THAT HAS VOLUNTARILY CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
15 APPLICATION;"
- 16 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 17 Page 7, line 9, strike "COMMUNITY" and substitute "COMMUNITY,
18 INCLUDING FAMILIES,"
- 19 Page 7, line 10, strike "IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING" and substitute
20 "TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT".
- 21 Page 8, line 8, strike "PROVIDERS WITHIN THE STATE;" and substitute
22 "PROVIDERS;"
- 23 Page 8, line 15, after the comma insert "OR IF THE DEPARTMENT
24 IDENTIFIES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AMONG THE
25 GRANT APPLICANTS,"
- 26 Page 8, line 18, after "(5)" insert "(a)".
- 27 Page 8, after line 25 insert:
28 "(b) THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS
29 SECTION MUST BE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER

1 BUDGET YEAR BUT MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER
2 BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A SINGLE LOCAL EDUCATION
3 PROVIDER AND MUST NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER
4 BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION
5 PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF EACH
6 GRANT OVER THREE BUDGET YEARS.

7 (c) IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT
8 APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)
9 OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND
10 THE STATE BOARD IN SELECTING RECIPIENTS SHALL:

11 (I) ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE RECIPIENT IS A LOCAL EDUCATION
12 PROVIDER OR GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT ARE RURAL
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-7-1211, BOARDS OF
14 COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT CONSIST OF RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR
15 CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

16 (II) PRIORITIZE APPLICANTS THAT DEMONSTRATE A PREVIOUS
17 COMMITMENT OF STAFF AND RESOURCES TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A
18 LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM;

19 (III) RECOMMEND AND SELECT THE GRANT RECIPIENTS SO AS TO
20 DISTRIBUTE FUNDING TO A BROAD SCOPE OF PROJECTS LOCATED
21 THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

22 (IV) WHEN APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO WORK
23 TOGETHER TOWARD SHARED GOALS."

24 Page 9, line 2, after the period add "ANY UNEXPENDED AND
25 UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION MADE FOR THE
26 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE
27 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IN THE FOLLOWING
28 FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. IN ADDITION, THE
29 DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE
30 OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT
31 THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT
32 IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION
33 OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE
34 DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT MONEY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION."

35 Page 9, line 9, after the period insert "A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL IS
36 NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
37 SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM OR IN RELATED REPORTING
38 UNLESS THE CHARTER SCHOOL CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE
39 AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICT IN A GRANT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 22-11-703."

2 Page 11, line 19, strike "SYSTEMS AND" and substitute "SYSTEMS,".

3 Page 11, line 20, after "ANY," insert "AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
4 COMMUNITY WHO ARE INVOLVED IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING LOCAL
5 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS".

6 Page 12, line 12, strike "PROVIDERS" and substitute "PROVIDERS,
7 INCLUDING INPUT SOLICITED FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS,".

8 Page 12, strike lines 14 and 15 and substitute "SYSTEM IN MEASURING THE
9 QUALITY OF THE EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE".

10 Page 12, line 17, strike "SYSTEM;" and substitute "SYSTEM. TO THE
11 EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR EACH LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, IN
12 REPORTING PERFORMANCE ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES AND LOCAL
13 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISAGGREGATE THE
14 PERFORMANCE RESULTS BY GRADE LEVEL AND BY STUDENT GROUP,
15 APPLYING THE SAME EXCLUSIONS THAT APPLY TO REPORTING
16 PERFORMANCE RESULTS ON THE STATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.".

17 Page 12, line 21, strike "LEGISLATION" and substitute "CHANGES IN
18 DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES, STATE BOARD RULES, OR STATUTE".

19 Page 13, after line 6, insert:

20 "(5) (a) IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN EXTERNAL EVALUATOR, WHICH
22 MAY BE A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO PREPARE A
23 SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL
24 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS THAT RECEIVE GRANTS. THE EVALUATION
25 MUST, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS OF EACH
26 LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN EVALUATING STUDENT SUCCESS AND
27 THE PROCESSES FOR ENSURING A CYCLE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
28 WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION
29 PROVIDERS. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)
30 OF THIS SECTION AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM,
31 THE DEPARTMENT, PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND
32 THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM PARTNERS SHALL IDENTIFY THE GOALS,
33 TOOLS, AND MEASURES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE SUMMARY EVALUATION
34 REPORT. THE DATA USED FOR THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT MUST

1 INCLUDE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE MEASURES.
2 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT, THE
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR
4 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCORES ATTAINED BY STUDENTS
5 ENROLLED BY THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS ON THE
6 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION
7 22-7-1006.3 AND INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT LONGITUDINAL
8 ACADEMIC GROWTH, STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND STUDENT
9 ACADEMIC GROWTH TO STANDARDS FOR THE STUDENTS ENROLLED BY THE
10 PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
11 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN THE AGGREGATE BY GRADE LEVEL AND
12 DISAGGREGATED BY STUDENT GROUP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-11-103,
13 COMPARED TO SCORES ATTAINED IN PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEARS AND
14 COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE SCORES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR ONLY TO THE
16 EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. EACH LOCAL
17 EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL
18 PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY DATA FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY
19 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION
20 THAT IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.
21 (c) BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT THAT IS SUBMITTED ON OR
22 BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2023, AND FOR EACH REPORT SUBMITTED
23 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT
24 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THE SUMMARY
25 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).
26 (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
27 OR DONATIONS, TO PAY THE COSTS INCURRED IN PREPARING THE SUMMARY
28 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)."

29 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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